

American Growth" is mainly a running commentary on some of the fads of the nouveau siecle and pretensions of a host of charlatans. Following these are two very interesting chapters, one entitled "Concerning Crank Physicians," the other "Some Ethical Questions." The essay on "History and Psychology of Words" is unusually interesting, while the chapter on "Style" should be read by every writer on medical subjects. The chapter on "Child Fetiches" is a contribution to the psychology of child life and the following and last chapter on "Vocation" is an address delivered before the Medical Department of the University of Syracuse. The contents of this chapter may be summed up by saying that medicine is a "noble profession, but a miserable trade."

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Practical Life Insurance Examination. By Murray

Elliott Ramsey, M. D. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia and London, 1908.

While medical examinations for the purpose of life insurance require nothing more than a complete and accurate physical examination and the determination of the risk of the application, based on the history and physical findings, nevertheless this branch of medicine seems to have developed into a specialty. The author of this volume has written this book believing that there is a special need for it, and he has given particular attention to physical diagnosis and prognosis of the diseases of the chest and abdomen, for these regions constitute the seat of organs and structures which enter most vitally into the welfare of an insurance company. So far as the reviewer has been able to determine, there is little in the book that can not be found in any good work on physical diagnosis. The only original part is the last chapter which deals with the insurance of "Sub-standard Lives." This constitutes the only obvious *raison d'être* for the existence of the book.

A. J. L.

Examination of the Ear. By Selden Spencer, A. B., M. D., Instructor of Otology, Washington University; Aural Surgeon to the Martha Parsons Free Hospital for Children. C. V. Mosby Medical Book and Publishing Company, 1908.

This is a small book about 65 pages, designed for use in an undergraduate course of otology. Since the ability to make an intelligent inspection of the eardrum, head, tympanic cavity and otitic region, as well as the nasal cavities and pharynx is essential to diagnosis, considerable space has been devoted to the anatomy of these parts; and the text is made clear by a number of very excellent illustrations. Brief descriptions of the methods of examination of the ear have been included. While the book contains little that is either original or complete, its use to beginners may be considerable.

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Electrical Treatment. By Wilfred Harris, M. D., F. R. C. P., Physician to Out-Patients, Physician to the Department for Nervous Diseases, and Lecturer on Neurology, St. Mary's Hospital, etc. Illustrated. W. T. Keener and Co. 1908.

This small volume belongs to a well-known series which has already given us those excellent monographs on Light and X-Ray Treatment of Skin Diseases; Serums, Vaccines and Toxines in Treatment and Diagnosis; Organotherapy, and the Open-Air Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis. In the present book the same conciseness and clearness of exposition which characterized the other volumes of the series is here evident. Anyone interested in the subjects will, by studying the work, have little difficulty in grasping its essential points; and special attention has been given to what may be done in medical practice with a good faradic and galvanic battery.

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